

# EXHIBIT 17

## CHARGE OF DISCRIMINATION

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## ENTER CHARGE NUMBER

☐ FEPA  
☐ EEOC

01-13-10691

Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination  
(State or local Agency, if any)

and EEOC

NAME (Indicate Mr., Ms., or Mrs.)  
Charles Robinson

HOME TELEPHONE NO. (Include Area Code)  
617-523-6511

STREET ADDRESS CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE COUNTY  
c/o Frank L. Fragomeni, Jr., Attorney, 15 Broad St., Boston, MA 02109

NAMED IS THE EMPLOYER, LABOR ORGANIZATION, EMPLOYMENT AGENCY, APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE, STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY WHO DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ME (If more than one list below.)

NAME NO. OF EMPLOYEES/MEMBERS TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)  
Verizon Services Group In excess of six (6)

STREET ADDRESS CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE  
125 High Street, Boston, MA

NAME TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)

STREET ADDRESS CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE

CAUSE OF DISCRIMINATION BASED ON (Check appropriate box(es))

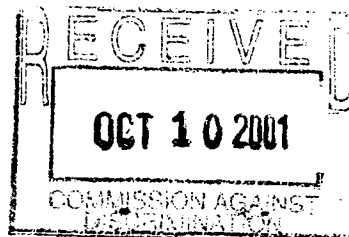
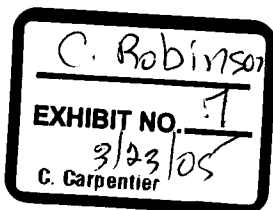
☐ RACE ☐ COLOR ☐ SEX ☐ RELIGION ☐ NATIONAL ORIGIN  
☒ AGE ☐ RETALIATION ☐ OTHER (Specify)

DATE MOST RECENT OR CONTINUING  
DISCRIMINATION TOOK PLACE  
(Month, day, year)

8/7/01

THE PARTICULARS ARE (If additional space is needed, attached extra sheet(s)):

I have been employed by Verizon and its predecessors for nearly thirty (30) years with excellent reviews. I was terminated and my duties were delegated to employees under forty (40) years of age. I was the only employee terminated out of twelve (12) department members ten of which are forty years old or under.



☒ I also want this charge filed with the EEOC.  
I will advise the agencies if I change my address or telephone number and I will cooperate fully with them in the processing of my charge in accordance with their procedures.

NOTARY - (When necessary to meet State and Local Requirements)

I swear or affirm that I have read the above charge and that it is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

SIGNATURE OF COMPLAINANT

Charles J. Robinson  
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS DATE

10/7/01